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In Appreciation. "Through your work and organization, the large and important task of distributing Ration Book IV to the residents of your county was carried on smoothly and efficiently.

On behalf of the Office of Price Administration we wish to extend personal thanks to you for undertaking and carrying out this vital task so well.

Further we hope that in whatever manner possible, you may express our appreciation to the school principals and all the volunteers who so generously gave their time and efforts to this work."

Tests. We are sorry that some of the schools were without keys, instructions and score sheets for the California Mental Maturity Tests, but they have all been received now, and the tests should have been given by now to all the pre-primary pupils.

Again, we reiterate; the score sheet is to be attached to the permanent record card, and at the end of the year, this, together with the health card, will be sent to the office.

To the Third, Fifth and Seventh Grade Teachers; Stanford Achievement Tests will be given in May of next year, and the same procedure followed.

Health Cards. Are you filling in the necessary information on these cards? Please keep them up to date.

Daily Programs. We have received very few daily programs, as requested in our first circular to you. If your daily program has not been sent to our office as yet, please do so at once.

Stamps and Bonds. Reports sent to the office show that $10,149.30 were bought in stamps and bonds for the month ending October 22. Continue your good work.

Please don't forget that the little card (supply sent you some time ago) is to be sent to our office at the end of each calendar month. Some are neglecting this.

Permanent Record Card Files. In my visits to the schools I still find some schools without file boxes. May I ask that all schools be supplied with these.

Flag Salute. According to Sec. 7 of Public Law 829-77th Congress, the pledge of allegiance to the Flag is as follows: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all." Notice that there is no punctuation mark between "Nation" and "indivisible". The pledge is rendered by standing at attention with the right hand over the heart.

Fire Drills. Do not neglect.

Work Books. Allyn and Bacon has prepared workbooks that fit Stull and Hatch's "Journeys Through the Americas" and "Journeys Through the Continents Overseas".

Periodical Requirements for Standard Schools: Elementary School Standards issued by the State Department of Education, provides: "There shall be not less than three periodicals for schools employing one teacher, for each additional teacher, there shall be two additional periodicals or duplicates. These periodicals shall be selected by a list approved by the State Library."

Periodicals for School Libraries

Grades 1-4

First Purchase

Child Life
Children's Activities

Second Purchase

Jack and Jill
Story Parade

Newspapers

My Weekly Reader

Grades 5-8

First Purchase

American Girl
Boys' Life
Building America
Junior Historical Journal
Junior Scholastic
National Geographic
Story Parade
Popular Science
Junior Natural History Magazine

Second Purchase

American Junior Red Cross News
Canadian Nature
Geographic News Bulletin
Nature Magazine
Open Road for Boys
Plays
Popular Mechanics

Newspapers

A daily newspaper with state, national and foreign news
Current Events
Junior Review
Young America

Grades 9-12

First Purchase

Abridged Reader's Guide
Building America
National Geographic
Newsweek or Time
Popular Science
Reader's Digest
Scholastic

Second Purchase

Boys' Life
Good Housekeeping
Harpers
Hygeia
Nature Magazine
Popular Mechanics
Youth Today

Newspapers

A daily newspaper with state, national and foreign news
American Observer
Our Times
Weekly News Review

Others for Grades 9-12

American Girl, American Home, Atlantic Monthly, Better Homes and Gardens, Consumers' Guide, Etude, Fashion Digest, Hoard's Dairyman, Ladies' Home Journal, Life, McCall's, Mademoiselle, Nation, New Republic, Oregon Farmer, Popular Aviation, Radio News and Short Wave Radio, School Arts Magazine, Scientific America, Science News Letter, Student Life, Subscription Books Bulletin, Survey Graphic, Survey (midmonthly) Vital Speeches of the Day, Weekly List of Selected U. S. Government Documents, Wilson Bulletin for Librarians, Your Future

O.S.T.A. The final count of OSTA membership shows 98% enrolled, but we know that no one of the 8%, who have not joined, intentionally leaves his part undone. We are striving for 100% and would like to send a report to the state office that Clatsop County is giving his support to the good work that is being done. A special appeal to the 8%.

The following schools are enrolled 100%:

Morrison
Knappa Con.
Lewis & Clark Con.
Hammond
Westport
Mountain View
Battle Creek
Warrenton
Necanicum
Knappa-Svensen High
Jewell Grade
Seaside Central
Vine Maple
Gearhart
Fernhill
Svensen
Walluski
Cannon Beach
Wauna
Camp McGregor

Science Helps. Following is a list of nature-science activities, as suggested in a pamphlet by the U. S. Office of Education.

1. Colle cting evergreen cones
2. Soaking lima beans until the halves may be pulled apart to see the embryo and surrounding food.
3. Planting a few lima beans, and from day to day pulling one or two up to watch what is happening.
4. Watching a bee or bumblebee collecting pollen from a dandelion.
5. Making a wren house, putting it up, and watching for wrens.
6. Locating last year's bird nests in the neighborhood and discovering what kinds of nests they are
7. Finding out what trees different kinds of birds choose for nests.
8. Planting and growing narcissus, daffodils, crocuses, snowdrops, tulips, etc.
9. Planning, preparing, planting, and caring for a Victory Garden.
10. Watching a butterfly come out of a crysalis.
11. Observing the habits of ants both in and out of doors. Earth containing ants and cocoons may be put in a glass jar, the jar filled about 2/3 full, black cloth or paper wrapped around the sides, and the ants fed sugar, meal, raw apple, and potato.
12. Balancing and caring for an aquarium.
13. Boiling water, watching steam rise, and observing that water disappears from the pan.
14. Keeping a weather record
15. Watching spiders make their web; putting the garden spider into a large terrarium, where it has room to spin a perfect web.

Globes. It is necessary during this global war, for the larger schools to have at least two globes, and one for each of the smaller schools.

Visits. I have found many interesting projects on my visits to the schools recently.

At Knappa Consolidated, Mrs. Beaty's room had a Mexican program, with songs, dances, etc. Mrs. Salvon was giving an Indian program the same week, Mrs. Vlastelicia put on a Hallowe'en program for the entertainment of the school.

4-H. The 1943 4-H program has been completed. There were approximately 600 boys and girls enrolled in the 4-H club work in Clatsop County. Their club program was primarily educational, but at the same time they made a large contribution to the food production and preservation program. They learned new methods of carrying on home making with rationed items and numerous shortages.

People in communities, teachers and students are all very busy. There are bond sales, scrap collections, Red Cross and numerous activities. None of us hesitate to ask young people to contribute still more. These contributions are necessary. Along with these war-time activities, we must not lose sight of the fact that it is our duty to develop boys and girls as fully as possible. Youth development is our biggest job.

Are we giving as much back to our young people as we are asking them to contribute? Youth activities take time, but they are well worth the time spent. A successful 4-H club can be directed by giving two or three hours per month with the club. We would like to have the teachers explain the program and encourage it. Assistance will be given to select leaders and oeganize the clubs.

Many teachers, have clubs already organized. Knappa, Gearhart, Hamond, Wauna and Cannon Beach have been outstanding. Others have promised to send enrollments in but have neglected to do so. With travel curtailed, the Extension Service is limited to the amount of volunteer calls made in communities. Any requests for assistance will be filled almost immediately.

We are encouraging an early start with all our projects so that there will be sufficient time to get the work done. Miss Lewis recently sent a letter to you explaining the club program. We hope to find an opportunity to call at your school soon. Don Jossy, 4-H Club Leader, Postoffice Bldg., Astoria, Oregon.

Health Certificates. There are a few health certificates yet to be registered. If these are not in soon, we must ask your board to follow Sec. 35-419, Page 7, 1943 Supplement, "should any teacher fail so to register his or her state paper and contract, and file a copy of his or her health certificate in the office of the county school superintendent before beginning to teach in any district in his county, said teacher shall forfeit to the said district, the full amount of salary for the time taught before said certificate, or state paper and contract were so registered, or health certificate was so filed".

Substitutes, Payment. "There is no wage set by law except, of course it can not be less than the prorata amount established by the minimum salary law. As you know this minimum salary law provides a salary of $133.1/3 per school month of twenty teaching days. This would make the minimum salary that could be paid to a substitute legally amount to $6.67 per day." Opinion, State Dept. of Education, Nov. 22, 1943

Handicapped Children. If there are any handicapped children in your district, the school board is responsible in providing suitable education for them, the cost being shared by the local district and state funds, which may be obtained from the State Department of Education.

If there are any handicapped children in your district, please notify either the County Nurse, School Board, or our office.

Health Inspection Report. There are several health inspection reports out--these must be sent to our office at once. Read Chapt. XXXIII, Page 144, Oregon Laws, 1937.

Truancy. A canvass of your community should be made to determine whether there are any children who should be attending school that are not. Report should be made to our office in the event adherence is not made by the parents after notification of such truancy is given.

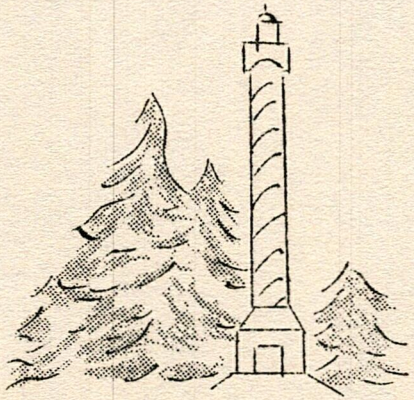
First Aid Equipment. Check your first aid equipment to see that it is complete and in good condition. Have your county nurse check when she makes her regular visit.

At Seaside Central, found outstanding Junior Red Cross work in the rooms of Mrs. Young and Miss Fulkerson. They were making envelopes and cutting over old Christmas cards to fit these envelopes, for the soldiers. They were also making memo pads. Miss McCormick's room was making fancy Indian drums from cartons. Miss Cole's girls sang very harmoniously in part singing; Mrs. Hale and her little folks were very much interested in nature studies and had many specimens around the room.

At Warrenton, Miss Cannon's room had a nice project on Science, showing different kinds and forms of leaves and pictures of birds observed since school began.

At Cannon Beach, Miss Sievert's room was making cardigraphs of their own vicinity--very interesting.

These detailed accounts of the various activities may assist other teachers, as we are unable to have many group meetings this year.



The Seasons' Greetings
From the "Column"

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